

convention related services for that location such as: construction of podiums; press tables; false floors, camera platforms; additional seating; lighting, electrical, air conditioning and loud-speaker systems; offices; office equipment; and decorations;

(vi) To defray the costs of various local transportation services, including the provision of buses and automobiles;

(vii) To defray the costs of law enforcement services necessary to assure orderly conventions;

(viii) To provide the cost of using convention bureau personnel to provide central housing and reservation services;

(ix) To provide hotel rooms at no charge or a reduced rate on the basis of the number of rooms actually booked for the convention;

(x) To provide accommodations and hospitality for committees of the parties responsible for choosing the sites of the conventions; and

(xi) To provide other similar convention-related facilities and services.

(2) For purposes of this section, any business (including a branch of a national or regional chain, a franchise, or a licensed dealer) or labor organization or other organization with offices or facilities located within the Metropolitan Area (MA) of the convention city shall be considered local. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that any such entity located outside the MA is not local. This presumption may be rebutted by a showing that the volume of business or activity in an area lying outside the MA would be directly affected by the presence of the convention.

§ 9008.53 Receipts and disbursements of government agencies and municipal corporations.

(a) *Receipt of goods and services provided by commercial vendors.* Government agencies and municipal corporations may accept goods or services from commercial vendors for convention uses under the same terms and conditions (except reporting requirements) set forth at 11 CFR 9008.9 for convention committees.

(b) *Receipt of donations to a separate fund or account.* (1) Local businesses (excluding banks), local labor organiza-

tions, and other local organizations or individuals may donate funds or make in-kind donations to a separate fund or account of a government agency or municipality to pay for expenses listed in 11 CFR 9008.52(c), provided that:

(i) The fund or account is not restricted to use in connection with any particular convention; and

(ii) Donations to the fund or account are unrestricted and are not solicited or designated for use in connection with any particular convention, event or activity.

(2) For purposes of this section, any business (including a branch of a national or regional chain, a franchise, or a licensed dealer) or labor organization or other organization with offices or facilities located within the Metropolitan Area (MA) of the convention city shall be considered local. There shall be a rebuttable presumption that any such entity located outside the MA is not local. This presumption may be rebutted by a showing that the volume of business of activity in an area lying outside the MA would be directly affected by the presence of the convention.

§ 9008.54 Examinations and audits.

The Commission shall conduct an examination and audit of each host committee registered under 11 CFR 9008.51. The Commission will follow the same procedures during the audit, and will afford the committee the same right to respond, as are provided for audits of publicly funded candidates under 11 CFR 9007.1 and 9038.1, except that the Commission will not make any repayment calculations under this section.

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§ 9012.1 Excessive expenses.

(a) It shall be unlawful for an eligible candidate of a political party for President and Vice President in a Presidential election or the candidate's authorized committee(s) knowingly and willfully to incur qualified campaign expenses in excess of the aggregate payments to which the eligible candidates of a major party are entitled under 11 CFR part 9004 with respect to such election.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the national committee of a major or minor party knowingly and willfully to incur expenses with respect to a presidential nominating convention in excess of the expenditure limitation applicable with respect to such committee under 11 CFR part 9008, unless the incurring of such expenses is authorized by the Commission under 11 CFR 9008.7(a)(3).

§ 9012.2 Unauthorized acceptance of contributions.

(a) It shall be unlawful for an eligible candidate of a major party in a Presidential election or any of his or her authorized committees knowingly and willfully to accept any contribution to defray qualified campaign expenses, except to the extent necessary to make up any deficiency in payments received from the Fund due to the application of 11 CFR 9005.2(b), or to defray expenses which would be qualified campaign expenses but for 11 CFR 9002.11(a)(3).

(b) It shall be unlawful for an eligible candidate of a political party (other than a major party) in a Presidential election or any of his or her authorized committees knowingly and willfully to accept and expend or retain contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses in an amount which exceeds the qualified campaign expenses incurred in that election by that eligible candidate or his or her authorized committee(s).

§ 9012.3 Unlawful use of payments received from the Fund.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person who receives any payment under 11 CFR part 9005, or to whom any portion of any payment so received is transferred, knowingly and willfully to use, or authorize the use of, such payment or any portion thereof for any purpose other than—

(1) To defray the qualified campaign expenses with respect to which such payment was made; or

(2) To repay loans the proceeds of which were used, or otherwise to restore funds (other than contributions to defray qualified campaign expenses which were received and expended) which were used, to defray such qualified campaign expenses.

(b) It shall be unlawful for the national committee of a major or minor party which receives any payment under 11 CFR part 9008 to use, or authorize the use of, such payment for any purpose other than a purpose authorized by 11 CFR 9008.6.

§ 9012.4 Unlawful misrepresentations and falsification of statements, records or other evidence to the Commission; refusal to furnish books and records.

It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly and willfully—

(a) To furnish any false, fictitious, or fraudulent evidence, books or information to the Commission under 11 CFR parts 9001-9008, or to include in any evidence, books or information so furnished any misrepresentation of a material fact, or to falsify or conceal any evidence, books or information relevant to a certification by the Commission or any examination and audit by the Commission under 11 CFR parts 9001 *et seq.*; or

(b) To fail to furnish to the Commission any records, books or information requested by the Commission for purposes of 11 CFR parts 9001 *et seq.*

§ 9012.5 Kickbacks and illegal payments.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person knowingly and willfully to give or accept any kickback or any illegal payment in connection with any qualified

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campaign expenses of any eligible candidate or his or her authorized committee(s).

(b) It shall be unlawful for the national committee of a major or minor party knowingly and willfully to give

or accept any kickback or any illegal payment in connection with any expense incurred by such committee with respect to a Presidential nominating convention.